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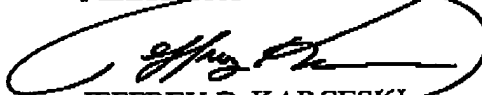
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 29, 2004, Applicants elect the invention of Group I encompassing claims 1-6 for further prosecution without traverse. The non-elected Group II encompassing claims 7-20, is withdrawn from consideration at this time.

Early favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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